

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the Sequence Listing (1 page) at the end of the specification.

Please delete the paragraph on page 8, lines 13-15, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1        Figure 1 illustrates the structure of the *lab* gene 5'UTR. Fig. 1A shows the nucleotide sequence (~~SEQ ID NO. 1~~) (SEQ ID NO:1) and Fig. 1B shows the predicted Y-shaped secondary structure of the *lab* 5' UTR.

Please delete the paragraph on page 10, lines 3-6, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 4        Figure 4 illustrates the structure of the 5'UTR of the human Homeobox A1. Fig. 4A shows the nucleotide sequence of Homeobox A1 (SEQ ID NO: 2) compared with that of the *lab* 5'UTR (residues 1-238 of SEQ ID NO: 1) and the consensus sequence of *lab* IRES homologs. Fig. 4B shows the predicted Y-shaped secondary structure of the Homeobox A1 5' UTR.